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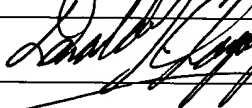
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Comments:

A review of amendment C, filed 9 January 2003, found that claims 1-8 and 10-40 are likely to be approved by the "second pair of eyes", but that claims 41-47 are not allowable. I can offer applicant two options.

First, I would be pleased to immediately sign an allowance for claims 1-8 and 10-40, if applicant wishes to authorize cancellation of claims 41-47 by examiner's amendment. This is likely to be the quickest route to a patent, although the claims would still have to await the formal "second pair of eyes" review.

Second, I could mail a non-final rejection of claims 41-47, which has the advantage of giving applicant more time to consider his options.

Please advise me by your close of business tomorrow, February 25, if applicant wants to have claims 41-47 cancelled by examiner's amendment, and immediately place the application into formal review for allowance and issue.

I will have to exercise the second option, mailing a non-final rejection, if I do not receive your reply by your COB tomorrow.

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